



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL**  
**116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266**

Pursuant to proper notice, a Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

**Attendance:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown  
 Vice Mayor Kerry Chin  
 Councilor Lauren Key  
 Councilor Nia Livingston  
 Councilor Josh Messinger

**STAFF:**

City Manager Stefen Wynn  
 City Attorney Zachary Roth  
 Police Chief Richard Pike  
 Public Works Director Jim French  
 Community Development Director  
 Samantha Brisolara  
 Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne  
 Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore  
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to Order/Roll  
 Call/Pledge**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilor Messinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS/ RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

**Fletcher High Girls  
 Soccer Team  
 Recognition**

On Friday, February 25, 2022, the Fletcher High School Girls' Soccer team won the Florida High School Athletic Association 6A Soccer Championship. Coach Bradley Plummer and Assistant Coach Thomas Laubach were present as well as the players on the newly-crowned champions.

Mayor Brown welcomed Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser who congratulated the team and presented a key to the city to the team.

Mayor Brown read a message from Jacksonville Beach Mayor Christine Hoffman, who also congratulated the Lady Senators.

Mayor Brown then read a proclamation from the City of Neptune Beach recognizing the team for their successful season and for being the first soccer team representing Duval County to win a state soccer title.

**Irish American  
 Heritage Month**

March 2022 was declared Irish American Heritage Month in Neptune Beach. Mayor Brown read and presented a proclamation to Greg Seán Canning, State Secretary of the Florida Ancient Order of the Hibernians in America.

Election of Vice Mayor     Election of Vice Mayor. City Attorney Zachary Roth explained the procedure for the selection of Vice Mayor. He reported that Council would be using a combination of Robert's Rules of Order and the Charter. Robert's Rules of Order provides that the Chair opens the floor for nominations. There is no need for a second.

Mayor Brown opened the floor for nominations.

Councilor Messinger nominated Councilor Chin to serve as Vice Mayor.

Roll Call Vote to elect Councilor Chin to serve as Vice Mayor.

Ayes: 5-Chin, Key, Livingston, Messinger, and Brown  
Noes: 0

Results: **COUNCILOR CHIN TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes     Made by Messinger, seconded by Key.

**MOTION:**     **TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING**  
**February 7, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2022, Special City Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2022, Workshop City Council Meeting**

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: 5-Key, Livingston, Messinger, Chin, and Brown  
Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments     Ginny Thurson, 1200 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the hiring of new positions and the parking on Bay Street. She requested the parking be put back inside the park.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the Dover, Kohl and Partners plan. She requested to know who were the key players in the plan. She requested the plan be shelved indefinitely until an investigation is conducted by a committee of citizens to get to the bottom of who created the plan that the citizens paid for.

Mary Frosio, 1830 Nightfall Drive, Neptune Beach, stated that she thought wanted to talk directly to Council, because when they are in those chairs, they become them, and no longer us, according to Pat [Hazouri]. Ms. Frosio doesn't like the tone she has heard over the last three years and the way she bashes every one of you and its conspiracy theory. Ms. Frosio remarked she had met her three years and had conspiracy theories about Mayor Brown. Ms. Frosio listened and asked Ms. Hazouri to bring the evidence. Ms. Hazouri said they were working on it and had a lawyer and now there is still nothing

Ms. Frosio continued that she was part of Neptune Strong and fighting development and Ms. Hazouri supported her. Ms. Frosio is not part of Neptune Strong any longer and is now being accused of having development interests in BrewHound and working with Dover, Kohl. Ms. Frosio told Ms. Hazouri unequivocally that she did not have any interests. Ms. Frosio did not have to answer her questions but Ms. Hazouri is such a conspirator. She added that the problem is that she is worried for the people considering taking elected positions. The abuse that you have to endure is not fair and not right. It is falsities, half

rumors, misinformation, disinformation and there is never any full fact behind it. That is what Ms. Frosio stands for. She is sorry that Council is being bombarded with this misinformation, disinformation and slander to their character. Once they take those positions, they are now them and not us. She is sorry they are having to deal with this and wishes there was something that could be done but everyone has a right to free speech. The fact is when you are on Council, you are a target. You are corrupt. It is a sad state because this is going to discourage someone from taking a Council position in the future because it is a constant bombardment. She thanked Council for spending their time and she is happy to see young folks and women on Council. She is sorry they are dealing with this and it is awful.

### **COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS**

#### **City Manager Report**

Mr. Wynn reported that the FY2020-2021 audit will begin with the auditors coming to City Hall next week. Documents would be loaded to our secure document system. We are actively interviewing for the CFO position with qualified candidates.

Mr. Wynn reviewed current City projects. He presented the Community Development Department update including plan reviews, fire reviews, code enforcement issues, and the Land Development Code revision. He also gave an update of Jarboe Park and the Public Works Department project.

All monthly City Manager reports can be found, in their entirety, at:  
<https://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/city-manager/pages/city-manager-reports>.

#### **Police Chief Report**

Police Chief Richard Pike reported that Movies with the Mayor is scheduled for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Jarboe Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Police Department is working with the Town Center for the Dancin' in the Street event scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The PD has hired one new dispatcher and there is second position open. Officer Will Torres has returned after being deployed to Iran for 11 months.

### **VARIANCES / SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS / DEVELOPMENT ORDERS / NONE**

### **ORDINANCES**

Ord. No. 2022-02, E bicycles. Ordinance No. 2022-02, Second Read and Public Hearing. Amending Section 7-29, Article II, Chapter 7 (Beaches and Waterways); Governing Use of Certain Personal Vehicles on the City's Beaches; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

Public Hearing Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

### **MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 ON SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Livingston, Messinger, Key, Chin, and Brown.

Noes: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **OLD BUSINESS / NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Res. No. 2022-03,  
Appt CDB  
Members

Res. No. 2022-03, A Resolution Appointing Members to the Community Development Board. Mayor Brown explained that this would be filling Nia Livingston's seat who is now on the Council. William Hilton would be moved from an alternate member to Councilor Livingston's term that will expire on September 4, 2024. Rhonda Charles would be appointed as an alternate to fill Mr. Hilton's term, which expires on January 4, 2023.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Key.

**MOTION:**            **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Roll Call Vote:

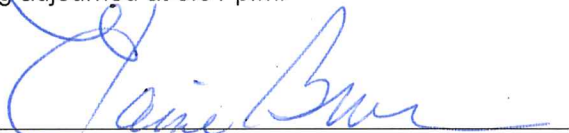
Ayes: 5-Messinger, Key, Livingston, Chin, and Brown.

Noes: 0


**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: 4-4-2022

